

**Minutes of Beckermot with Thornhill (BwT) Parish Council
Meeting held on
Wednesday, 18 September 2024 commencing at 19.00hrs
Venue: Thornhill Social Club**

Present: (TB) Tim Barlow (Chairman), (JN) Julie Nugent (Vice Chairperson), (KC) Kath Cook, (EJ) Eric Jewitt and (MS) Michael Slater, (LB) Lesley Barlow (acting secretary)

1 Apologies

(SC) Steve Caddy, (TC) Tina Church (clerk).

2 To declare any interest in items on the agenda

None.

3 Public Participation

None

4 Approve the minutes of the BwT PC meetings held on 17 July 2024 and 22 August 2024. Review actions from previous meetings.

The minutes from the July Parish Council meeting and the extraordinary August Parish Council meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

The actions were reviewed, updated, closed out or marked as ongoing, as appropriate.

5 Finance

September Finance Report

Report noted.

Approve Clerk's August and September 2024 salary and allowances (including additional hours worked)

APPROVED, including payment for additional hours.

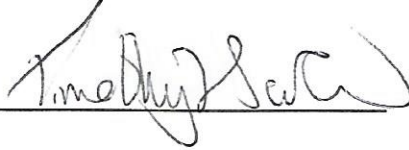
Implement new model Financial Regulations

The Chair was working through the regulations prior to reviewing them with the Clerk – at which point, the document would be circulated to all councillors.

6 Clerk's Annual Appraisal, review of allowances and salary increase

The Clerk's annual appraisal had been deferred to November. The cost of living pay award would be backdated to April, any increment or other additional financial

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recognition proposed as a result of the appraisal would be brought to a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council for approval and would be backdated to 1 September.

7 Cumbrian White Tailed Eagle Project

There were no volunteers to attend the meeting, and no interest in taking part in the project.

8 Nuclear Waste Services Letter – working arrangements with Town and Parish Councils

Matter deferred to next meeting.

9 Progress Reports

20mph speed limit outside Beckermest School and village

It was understood that a mass application to Cumberland Council for all villages in the council to be subject to a 20mph speed limit had been approved but no formal notification had been received. The Chair would follow the matter up with the local MP – along with options for locating 'Smiley Face' traffic management symbols throughout the village.

ACTION 1: TB to contact local MP regarding 20 mph approval and use of 'Smiley Face' traffic management symbols

Sellafield to Seascale Cycle track

No action to report – the state of the path had further deteriorated.

NDA Funding Update

Previously addressed under 'Actions from previous meetings' – funding had been received and work had commenced to improve area of land owned by the Parish Council on Nursery Road.

10 Councillors' reports on meetings attended on behalf of BwT Parish Council/Report Minor Matters

Feedback from meetings

None.

Minor matters

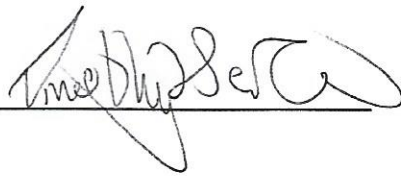
BT cables.

Reports had previously been made:

- a) to the Council regarding tree branches becoming tangled in overhead telephone wires
- b) to BT regarding exposed cables in the ground in the play park.

No action had been taken and the problems persist. It was agreed that MS would supply TC with 'what/three/words' locations for the affected areas and further reports would be made. With respect to the high level telephone wires, given the poor quality mobile phone signal in many areas of the village, it was vital that landline facilities were safeguarded.

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ACTION 2: MS to supply location codes to TC for report to Council/BT

Cherry trees in Thornhill playpark

It was reported that these were diseased and needed to be removed. JN agreed to consult with Calder Landscapes to undertake the work.

ACTION 3: JN to contact Calder Landscapes

Training Opportunities

TB would be undertaking PC Chair training course in November. EJ expressed an interest in undertaking the Compliance course.

Location of polling stations, and PC boundaries

The email regarding a survey on a) the location of polling stations and b) Parish Council boundaries would be recirculated for comment.

Action 4: TB to recirculate email of 09/09/2024

11 Recruitment of additional councillors

BwT PC hope that additional representatives, particularly from Thornhill, will come forward to join the Parish Council.

12 Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for October 2024 would not take place. The next meeting will be on 20 November at Thornhill Social Club, with an additional meeting in December held in Beckermat Reading Rooms (date to be confirmed).

It was **AGREED** to continue with nine Parish Council meetings per year in 2025, but hold a meeting in December instead of January.

All business concluded, the meeting closed at 20.15 hrs